Title: Requests to release more fund for Madras Fertilizers Limited, North Chennai and Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL), South Chennai to run the Public Sector Undertakings.

Shri T. R. Baalu : I would invite the kind attention of the hon. Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers to the sad plight of two public sector undertakings which are situated in Tamil Nadu... (Interruptions). Sir, one of them is the Madras Fertilizers Limited which is situated in North Chennai wherefrom Thiru Kuppusami has been elected as Member of Parliament. The other one is Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) which is situated in my constituency of South Chennai. Both the units are suffering for want of working capital.

The Madras Fertilizers Limited had gone for modernisation. During the process of modernisation, it lost its production for six months. Now, for want of Rs.42 crore, the industry is struggling and could not go in for full capacity. At the same time, the IDPL which is situated in my constituency has been referred to BIFR. The BIFR has directed the Government to infuse more funds as working capital... (Interruptions). The directions of the BIFR has been upheld by the workers and they agreed for reduction... (Interruptions). The number of workers has been reduced from 1,200 to 322... (Interruptions). The Government is not ready to release more funds. I demand that the Government should release more funds to both these units... (Interruptions). We met the hon. Minister, Barnalaji on 16th and apprised the matter. He agreed to pay a visit to both the units. I request him to come and pay a visit and infuse working capital for the industry.

13.23 hrs.

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